

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
MARCH 6, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 37.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the Mayor and Board of Alderman congratulated the Booneville High School Band, the Booneville High School Boys Basketball Team, and the New Site Girls Basketball Team on their accomplishments.

There First came before the Board, the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 minutes with the correction;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept the letter of resignation of Dana McQueen.

Alderman Pounds made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve hiring Jessica Williams, as a Library employee at \$7.25 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to approve hiring as reserve officers, Tammy Johnson, Grady Smith, Nikki

Owen, and Dustin Underwood at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, to be effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by the Gas & Water Department to acknowledge in the minutes that the HP Plotter, ID #05961 is being stored at Moore Engineering. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, Billy Joe Spencer discussing beaver control around the lift station areas.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve upgrading the water line from a 3/4" line to a 2" water line, at East Chambers Drive, where Scott Tires is located. The costs would be approximately \$2,808.66. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came of for consideration, the request by Billy Joe Spencer for the Booneville Gas & Water Department to join the Rural Water Emergency Assistance Cooperative at no cost. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Billy Joe Spencer to obtain specs for a backhoe for the Water Department. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace gave an update on the Fire Department. He reported that the emergency generator was up and running. He also reported that the cutting tool repairs had been made and was back in working order.

There next came on for consideration the Board Report. Under the Board Report, the following was had:

- (1) Alderman McCoy acknowledge Rita McCarter for giving a donation to the Booneville Police Department for protective vests.

(2) Alderman McCoy discussed approving a rotating shift, where the Captains would continue working 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and the Sergeants and Patrol Officers would come in at 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. This way there would be an overlap in coverage and there would always be someone on the streets. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to change the Mobile Home Policy and to add that if the mobile home been disconnected for a period of six (6) months and, therefore was non-conforming to our current ordinance, that the mobile home be removed within six (6) months. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of three (3) against and two (2) for, the motion failed.

There next came on for consideration, the request to put street lights South of town on Hwy 145 and Hwy 30 intersection, pass Lucille's. Mayor Joe Eaton reported that the power company had already staked out some spots to put those lights. If the Board approved it, they would go ahead. Essentially, it would be adding four (4) street lights to the City. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds reminded the public as summer is about to get under way and ball games start, that the parks in Booneville were tobacco free.

Ronnie Johnson requested as an emergency matter, that a subdivision plat be approved over at Wal-Mart Circle. That AT & T was buying the property in front of Farmers & Merchants Bank, and wanted to subdivide the property and wanted to close on that property by March 15. Their plan was on the first section of the subdivided property, to put a retail building containing three (3) stores. Alderman McCoy made

said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to come out of executive session and to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that the noise ordinance had been discussed, and that the current ordinance would be modified and noise would be measured from the property line. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Pounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK